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If you see something in this paper you don't like, don't make yourself ridiculous by stopping the paper—just cut it out.

HOWARD FINALLY WINS POINT

New Air Compressor Will Be Installed at Municipal Plant—A Good Move.

Will Be a Money Saver and Put Town on Easy Street in Case of Break-Down.

Council met in regular session last Tuesday evening with all members present and Mayor Kenney presiding. Following the usual opening routine reports of departments for past month were read and approved.

Solicitor Johnson then stated that a settlement had been made with the Lake Erie in the condemnation suit against them and the clerk was instructed to pay the company the amount of damage fixed upon.

The clerk was instructed to notify Lake Erie to build proper crossing and sidewalks across their right-of-way on Warren and Buckeye streets to connect up Mercelina avenue.

Considerable discussion then arose in regard to the extension of Logan street west past the new Brands addition and the question of the width of the street west of the railroad. Matter was left in the hands of the street committee, with instructions to follow plan as presented by Mr. Brands and which calls for a 66-foot street.

An ordinance fixing a day to be known as Clean-up Day and authorizing the mayor to issue a proclamation each year designating said day was prepared by the solicitor and read. Councilman LeBlond moved that the ordinance be taken up and that it be an endeavor to cut it down to what was almost wiped out of existence. After making about half a dozen changes, and taking up a solid hour's time it was after banking hours, however, the matter was taken out of Mr. LeBlond's hands, and passed as originally drawn by the solicitor.

Councilman Beiersdorfer then spoke of the need of a new air compressor at the water works plant, something Engineer Howard had recommended ever since he took charge of the plants here, and something the Board of Public Affairs has time and time again asked council to buy. At previous meetings the matter has been pigeon-holed without even discussion, principally through the prompt rejection and tabling of the matter by Councilman LeBlond. Last Tuesday night, however, Mr. Pat and his antiquated ideas, suffered the tabling, while the other councilmen talked of the urgent need of the compressor. On motion of Beiersdorfer, seconded by Schuchek the clerk was instructed to pay over to the Board of Public Affairs money to buy the compressor. Mr. Pat, he voted NO.

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GLAD TO SETTLE SHADY HORSE TRADE.

Wednesday afternoon Wm. Kable and Albert Bauder settled a difficulty which had arisen about a week before Bauder in making the exchange of horses, delivered to Kable another and different horse. The result was a replevin case in Squire Kable's court in Liberty township. Mr. Bauder after securing his summons wasted no time in settling up the matter. He paid all costs and attorney fees and returned the horse to Mr. Kable's barn.

Attorneys Myers & Myers represented Kable, while J. W. Loree represented the defendant.

BILLY SUNDAY AND EX-GOV. FOLK

Are Among Notables Booked for Chautauqua—Father Travers Here First Sunday.

The promise that Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, will appear at the Celina Chautauqua this summer, has had a tendency to open the question of the Chautauqua season rather early and give it additional impetus.

The management has already booked some of the most noted men and women of the country and will in due time give their names to the public.

As well as word painter, Father Travers, Mr. Sunday, we have the assurance that ex-Governor Folk of Missouri (a possible candidate for the presidency) and

brilliant young Irish orator will honor the Celina Chautauqua with their presence without any doubt. Father Travers will be here the first Sunday of the meeting—July 23. He will have a labor subject. He is a noted word painter, a man of wit and pathos—and is likened unto the late lamented Fr. Vaughan in his oratorical powers, with the ability to make you laugh, cry and go away happy.

The Celina Chautauqua opens this year July 22 and continues until the 11th of August. The week previous will be campers week, when Mercelina Park will be open free and bathing, boating and fishing and other sports can be indulged in. It's never too early to map out your vacation—and Celina is the place to go.

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INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE

Were the Talks Listened to By County Teachers at Fourth Bi-Monthly Meeting.

[By Matilda Deach, Secretary.]

The fourth bi-monthly meeting of the Mercer county teachers was held April 8th, at the High School auditorium, Wm. Wiley acting as chairman. After repeating the Lord's prayer the Coldwater orchestra furnished some excellent music. P. F. Frick, superintendent of township schools, then addressed the teachers. His subject, "A Model," or the supervision of the country schools. Frequent changes of teachers occur mostly where there is no supervision. About one-fourth of the teachers leave the profession every year and a new one-fourth of teachers enter. Much of value has been lost by this frequent change. Why not have a fixed plan by which the new teacher can take up the work as it has been left by the old teacher. This can only be done with proper supervision. He then spoke of the graduation and supervision of the Union, Center, Washington and Hopewell township schools and much has been done to beautify the schools. To accomplish this the hearty good will of all the teachers must be had.

Music by the orchestra. Supt. P. C. Ziemer, Napoleon, O., then gave an interesting and instructive address on geography. Can it be made easy or interesting. Education is the one advancement to a higher plane. What a pleasure to give, to teach, to broaden the idea or vision of the earth, to give its place in the world, to give us also to the child, in mental life or spiritual life so that we may also grow. Such is the life about it. It depends on the education we have received. The field from which to select is a very broad one. We know not where to begin. What shall we take to develop the certain individual? The teacher must select, and our selection depends on our own education and advancement. Study life from the lowest form to the highest types. The teacher must have life to give inspiration to those around us. Commence with the simple details and work up to the higher forms. History is no more than the record of human conduct. No historical fact is valuable until you know the environment that produced that fact. Geography gives us the structural and climatic conditions that make historical facts valuable to us. It develops patriotism. It will give to all the love of the beautiful things in nature. Beauty is swelled in the heart and becomes majestic. It will do more for us ourselves become filled with inspiration.

The work in geography must begin with the child, with plants and flowers and the clouds about us. The knowledge gleaned will grow larger and larger as the child grows. Take children out to nature rather than bring it in. Do not get a single thought from the printed page until he has taken something to that book. He must feel the subject all the way through the grades. Use map drawing only as a means to convey thought, of location of cities, rivers, etc. There is a tendency of too much book and not enough real knowledge. Be a live teacher and give inspiration to the pupils, and your class will not be a dead one.

Music by the orchestra. The afternoon session opened with music after which the teachers were instructed in "The Study of Poetry," by S. Cotterman, Rockford. To study a poem many points must be taken into consideration in order to get the thoughts the author wishes to convey. I. Purpose—1. Intellectual; 2. emotional; 3. volitional. II. Theme—1. Individual; 2. universal. III. Embodiment. IV. Language—1. Meter; 2. rhyme; 3. sentence; 4. diction; 5. figures; 6. style.

Mr. Cotterman then recited and analyzed according to the outline: Whitman's "In School Days." Holmes' "Old Ironsides." The purpose of any poem determines whether it can be classed with good literature. After another selection of music Supt. Ziemer gave an address on "School the Center of Community Life." The responsibility of the teacher is great. The citizen is the product of home, school, church and the civic world. He must take the raw material and work it to make a good American citizen. In the pioneer days civic life was very meagerly taught, but feared in the practical school of life. The home once the center of life, has ceased to be. Children do not know parental care as in former years. The home is sadly losing its influence. Children do not receive the same home training, but are sent to schools and colleges to finish their education. The same world does not train now but depends on the school and by the education of the applicant makes the selection. It is all shifted on the school, which is becoming more and more the center. As we are carrying out this great responsibility? Are we meeting the conditions? Waken up, get into the real spirit of teaching, get inspiration from all sources. If you are a dead teacher how soon all interest and inspiration of the pupil is gone. If you have the sufficient training, get it. The public is willing to pay the price for the good returns it receives for the betterment of the children. The sum and total of life is observing, assimilating and expressing. Prof. S. Cotterman announced that the Boy Scout examination will be held next Saturday. E. E. Ledy, the O. T. R. C. secretary had some announcements to make in regard to the work done by the members of the circle. No further business the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the executive committee.

Stops Bleeding and Heals Cuts. Cuts of all kinds, whether on man or beast, are speedily healed by applying Hansford's Balsam of Myrrh. It cleanses the wound, stops bleeding and assists nature to heal. Simply apply the Balsam occasionally until cured. Always have it on hand ready for accidents.

Get your sickles ground while we're not so busy. It pays. W. M. MARKLE, the blacksmith, South Walnut street.

TAKING A MEAN ADVANTAGE BENEDICT

[Delphos Herald.]

If Benedict Metzger, formerly of Delphos, late of Celina, and now of Lander, Wyo., went west with the idea of evading indebtedness he probably forgot that land is as good as money. The firm of Moorman & Bowring, of Cincinnati, dealers in leather and shoe supplies, says that Metzger owes \$220.94 for goods furnished in 1908 and 1909, while Metzger was in Delphos. The firm has filed an action in the common pleas court to attach land said to belong to Metzger in Marion township.

FAMOUS HOTEL CORNER PASSES TO NEW HANDS

Rumor has it that the old Ellis Hotel corner has passed into the hands of Bampton S. A. Bowman. Consideration is said to have been \$13,200.

ROMER PROVES TO BE HANDY MAN

Called to Cincinnati to Straighten Out Affairs of Bank in Peck of Trouble.

Deputy Ed F. Romer, of the State Banking Department, has again been called upon to straighten out the affairs of another bank, this time at Cincinnati, where the Commerce and Deposit Bank has become tangled and its officers temporarily, at least, relieved of their jobs. Since taking hold of its affairs, Romer has been making a thorough investigation of the bank's affairs. It is said it may reach in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The depositors have been assured by Mr. Romer that they will lose nothing, but the stockholders will not face so well.

Ed has stated he would make his report in duplicate to the Common Pleas Court at Cincinnati and the State Banking Department within ten days, at which time he would know the assets of the institution in detail. And he'll do it, too.

It was Ed who exposed the methods of the Republican State gangsters at Columbus and their appropriation of State funds to their own enrichment, showing up Boss Cox's manipulation of the strings, and started the new life. He dug up the material that blasted the hopes of Republican politicians last fall, and more than any other man made it possible for the Democrats to sweep the State and win a Legislature with a majority in both houses. He is still plugging away, however, this Mercer County man, just as if George Barnesdale Cox were his regular diet.

ASSESSORS ARE OFF

Those in Towns With High Tax Rate in for Hot Time With Their Constituents.

The assessors were called together Monday by Auditor Morrow and given papers and instructions to guide them in their work in making personal property returns under the new law. It is bothering the assessors in the high tax rate towns where to get the property to make up for the limited rate.

Following is the list of questions that are to be answered in a report to the state department:

1. How many acres of wood land in your township?

2. How many acres of waste and uncultivated land in your township?

3. How many acres in your township formerly used for farming purposes are now worn out and not cultivated?

4. What in your judgment was the loss in dollars during the last year by disease among live stock?

5. How many persons have gone from your township to other states or Canada in the last two years?

6. How many farmers in your township moved from the farm to some Ohio town or city in the last two years?

7. How many farmers in your township find it difficult to secure hired help?

8. How many imported stallions in your township?

9. How many acres of waste and uncultivated land in your township?

10. How many acres in your township formerly used for farming purposes are now worn out and not cultivated?

11. How many farmers in your township do not read an agricultural paper?

The list of assessors follows: Delphos—John H. Hedges, Dublin North—John S. Shaffer, Dublin East—John T. Green, Rockford—C. D. Work, Washington Township—N. J. Boice, Butler Township—John B. Lennart, Jefferson Township—Jacob Anderson, Hancock Township—J. W. Wright, Hancock Township—Wm. B. Flayler, Black Creek Township—H. O. Purdy, Franklin Township—Frank Gilmore, Union Township—T. R. Nichols, Marion East—A. J. Nickamp, Marion West—John Stamen, Liberty Township—J. H. Hinton, Granville Township—Frank Sunderhaus, Center Township—G. A. Bryant, Celina, 2nd Ward—W. J. Shurt, Celina, 3rd Ward—Amos Agnew, Celina, 4th Ward—Henry Tobben.

MONTEZUMA H. S. COMMENCEMENT

The annual commencement of the Montezuma High School will be held Friday evening, April 21, at the U. B. Church at Montezuma. Mrs. Frances Gibson Richard, professor of literature in Ohio State Normal School at Oxford, Ohio, will deliver the address to the graduating class. Mrs. Richard is a pleasing speaker, and all who can should plan to hear her.

CHADS WOULD BE APPEALED TO

In An Effort to Convert a Public Eye-Sore Into Thing of Beauty and Joy Forever.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club last Friday night the initial steps were taken looking to the acquiring of a strip of ground fringing the reservoir in the south end of town, from Main street east to Mercelina Park, for park purposes. A resolution was adopted by the club petitioning the Village Council to levy a tax to defray the expenses incident thereto. The parking of this prominent but very unsightly strip of territory has been much talked about, but this is the nearest approach to action that has yet been registered. Favorable action by council on the petition would receive popular endorsement, we believe. A spot the people of the town could call their own should appeal to the most miserly and unprogressive man in the community, thought the last drop of good red blood has long since vanished from his veins. Council has full power to create a fund for park purposes and take other necessary steps to provide for conditions in the future. The time has come for council to get busy.

A resolution was also adopted asking the C. H. & D. railroad officials for better passenger service over this division of their road.

The communication of a concern manufacturing cut glass and promising to employ a hundred skilled workmen was read and the secretary instructed to get in touch with them. They want a bonus and to be able to sell some stock.

VALUABLE TESTIMONY

[Lima Times-Democrat.]

The following are voluntary and convincing statements made in this office last Tuesday, by Circuit Judges Kinder and Dover, concerning conditions in their counties, Hancock and Hardin, both of which are "dry."

Judge Kinder: "I do not believe there is a business man in Findlay who was on the 'wet' side during the last local option election. Our people are so entirely content to have Hardin county continue in the 'dry' column."